

Green in the City Speaker Series

Overview as of Sept 25, 2018

(updates vs August report are starred **)

By Susan Ratz, ACE

Organizers

- Advisory Committee for the Environment – City of London
- London Public Library
- City of London
- London Environmental Network also providing promotional support

All sessions

6:30pm – Doors open

7:00 – 8:30 pm Presentations

Location – Stevenson & Hunt Room – Central Library

Tuesday, November 6th - Creating Health & Resilience with Soil

Presenter - Ruth Knight, Organic Soil Consultant & Agronomist, Co-Leader of Transition Erin Soil Health Coalition

7 Welcome by Host/ Moderator

7:00 to 7:45 - Main presentation

- importance of soil, including its ability to sequester carbon
- 2-3 key aspects of soil
- 2-3 key activities to do to improve soil - applicable to a personal garden or market garden / perhaps considerations when buying from local farmers
- (5-10 minutes) - discuss Transition Erin

7:45 to 8ish - Question & Answer by Ruth

8-8:10 Local Perspective/Update by Gabor Sass

8:10-8:20 – To be determined – Update by City Staff

8:20-8:30 Additional questions

Tuesday, November 13th – Bee-coming Pollinator Friendly – In Gardens & Across the City

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7-7:45 Presenter – Victoria MacPhail – Pollination Guelph

7:45-7:55 Local Perspective/Update by Gabor Sass

7:55-8:05 Linda McDougall, Ecologist, Environmental and Parks Planning, Planning Services, City of London

8:05-8:30 Q&A / Discussion

Tuesday, November 20th – Down the Drain - Issues & Opportunities for our Lakes, Rivers and Toilets

Presenters:

~~**Zero Waste Forest City – Plastics in our Oceans & Great Lakes (no longer able to provide a representative, will not replace)~~

Tom Cull – Thames River Rally – Local river pollution.

Barry Orr – City of London – Challenges with non-flushables.

Tuesday, November 27th – Food Waste in London – What's Happening & How to Fix It

Presenter – Paul van der Werf President and Owner of 2cg; PhD candidate Department of Geography, Western University

(+Additional Perspective – Jay Stanford, City of London)

Tuesday, December 4th – Community Energy Action Planning – What You Can Do to Address The Impacts of Climate Change

Presenter – Jay Stanford, City of London

(Additional presenter to be confirmed closer to)

Contributions / Budget

ACE Contributions (**Approved total budget \$800)

- Ruth Knight – Combined travel & speaker fee \$350
- **Victoria MacPhail – Combined travel & speaker fee \$250
- **Honorariums
 - Tom Cull - Thames River Rally \$75
 - Gabor Sass - Pollinator Pathways Project / Friends of Urban Agriculture London \$100

Library Contributions

- Meeting room & coordination support
- Promotional support – Listing in ACCESS magazine, social media, poster, postcards

City Contributions

- All speaker expenses/honorariums related to the Food Waste and Community Energy sessions
- \$300 contribution to LEN for promotional support
- Social media, e-news and entworks support